

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
September 5, 2001

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of
MDU Resources Group, Inc.
September 2001
Purchased Gas Adjustment-Natural Gas**

**PU-399-01-448
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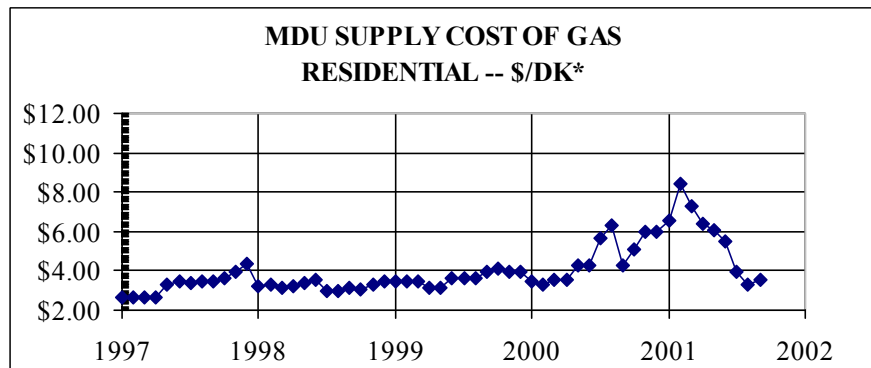
SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

For gas bills issued during September 2001, MDU is increasing its purchased gas adjustment by \$.245 per dekatherm for residential and firm general service customers. This changes the current purchased gas adjustment from negative \$.378 per dk to negative \$.133 per dk.

The supply cost of gas for September is \$3.536

The increase for residential customers results from approximately \$.291 per dk increase in the commodity cost of gas and approximately \$.046 decrease due to a change in fuel reimbursement to Williston Basin from a cash basis to an in-kind basis effective August 1, 2001.

The Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration reports that prices may climb slightly as cooling demand competes with storage refill.



This PGA change will increase the September bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 3.5 dk by \$.86. There were 82,045 MDU customers in North Dakota as of June 30, 2001.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s Natural Gas
Purchased Gas Adjustment for September 2001, Case No. PU-399-01-448.

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